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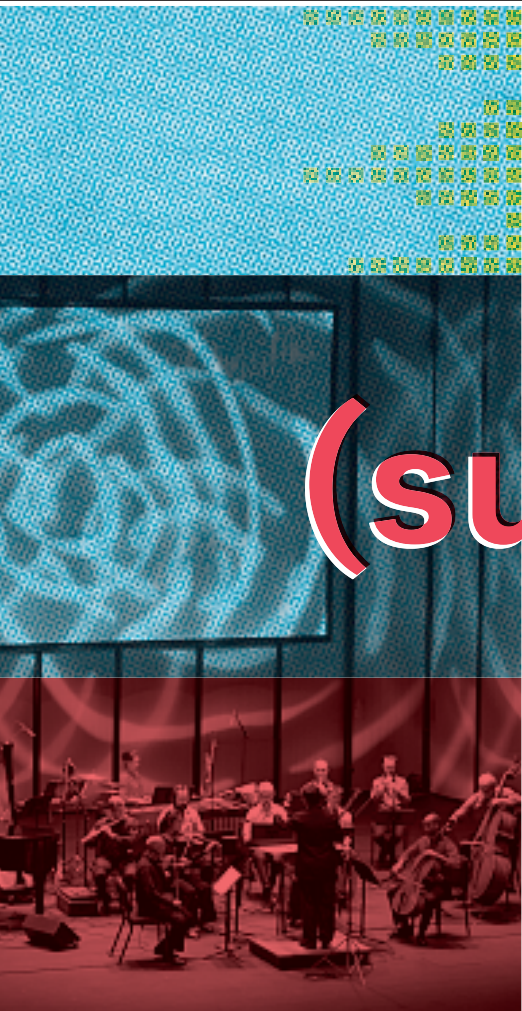
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solutely cannot count as making a difference.

Saying 'bless you' after a sneeze: Being the patron saint of loudly and pointedly announcing "Gesundheit" after a stranger on the train sneezes isn't going to qualify you for canonization. It's polite, though.

Holding the door for everyone at the Merchandise Mart: A nice gesture, yes. It's definitely hard work. But no, you get zero credit for this, even if it makes you miss the elevator. You sure as hell aren't doing it to hear all those thank-yous, are you?

Telling the barista to keep the change: Providing the person who handcrafted your grande cinnamon latte with a six-cent tip does not qualify as a "charitable donation" to a small business. It's more like a "cheapskate way to get rid of those pennies weighing you down."

Playing with the dogs at the animal shelter: Donating your time by heading to a local animal shelter to frolic with the sad-eyed dogs seems like a really sweet gesture, right? Wrong. You're only getting their "forever home" hopes up. Now who's the animal?

Making a big show of bussing your own table at Panera: Standing up to ceremoniously announce, "I'm cleaning off my table now," after devouring your bread bowl does not a hero make. You didn't even put your

silverware in that separate little compartment in the bus pan! And no, no one's impressed that you even tipped yourself a generous 600 percent for doing it.

Giving up your train seat to a woman who is approximately 19 months pregnant: While you might usually pretend to be asleep, deciding to stand up and make eye contact with every single person on the train while you give up your seat to a pregnant woman isn't a grand act of chivalry. It's just decent. And she sure as hell isn't naming the baby after you.

Letting your friend borrow your HBO Go password for a night: You finally gave in and handed over your credentials so your old college roommate could figure out what the hell is going on with Jon Snow. You didn't earn a gold star, but you may have committed a cybercrime. Who knows?

Empowering your Uber or Lyft driver: It's the big moment—when your driver turns around to ask, "Want me to take the expressway?", you smirk and whisper, "The choice is yours, my friend." Thanks a lot, Creepy Backseat Jigsaw.

Recycling your Amazon Prime packaging: Deciding to throw your Amazon Prime cardboard into the blue bins is great for the environment, but maybe stop ordering single packs of gum that arrive in refrigerator-sized boxes. Also, you didn't even break the boxes down, and now there's no room for the mountain of La Croix cans your girlfriend piles up every single day.

Helping your friend move: Assisting a friend with a move is great and all, but constantly reminding them in the stairwell that they "still owe you one" makes the act null and void.

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Green fitness area proposed for Grant Park space

By **Leonor Vivanco** | REDEYE

The old skate park in Grant Park could get a makeover and be transformed into a green space for fitness.

Near the corner of Columbus Drive and Balbo Avenue, the old skate park is no longer used since a \$2.65 million skate park opened in 2014 at the south end of the park at Michigan Avenue and Roosevelt Road.

The Grant Park Advisory Council and Grant Park Conservancy presented a preliminary plan on Wednesday to turn the 36,000-square-foot concrete space into what was called a “healthy lifestyle space” incorporating elements of fitness as well as nutrition and healthy lifestyle education that would be free to the public.

Although no renderings or designs were presented Wednesday, discussion at the meeting focused on a grass-covered space in the middle of the site surrounded by a garden and some educational displays that would offer up advice on how to lead a healthy life.

Before the plan would get the green light, there will be more public meetings, said Bob

O'Neill, the conservancy's president. The Chicago Park District would need to sign off on the plans for Grant Park, known as Chicago's front yard and home to Lollapalooza, the Taste of Chicago and NFL Draft Town.

While no price tag was announced, O'Neill said he would look to sponsors and the park district to cover project costs including maintenance. He envisioned the space as a city-wide attraction, much like the newer skate park.

“We want people interacting from all over the city,” O'Neill said. “A lot of people are fortunate enough to have a workout room in their building. The issue is we want them outside and interacting and working out.”

The initiative would go toward helping achieve the American Heart Association's goal of improving cardiovascular health of Americans by 20 percent by 2020, moving away from a sedentary lifestyle and chipping away at the obesity rates, said Ross Arena, professor and head of physical therapy and interim head of kinesiology and nutrition in the College of Applied Health Sciences at the



Outlined in blue is the area in Grant Park that was once a skate park. It's now being eyed for a healthy lifestyle space. **COURTESY OF THE GRANT PARK CONSERVANCY**

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that more than 34.9 percent or 78.6 million of U.S. adults are obese.

“We're talking about creating a culture of movement for the population, for anyone so anyone can feel welcome doing it,” Arena said. “We're not trying to think about a fitness center for a certain group of people. We're trying to think about a movement space for

everyone because we're committed to the community.”

He suggested partnering with UIC students who are studying nutrition and physical therapy in the Applied Health Sciences curriculum to lead instruction at the space.

Omari Jinaki, a South Loop resident and founder of the Grant Park Healthy Lifestyle Space Committee, said he visited a handful of Chicago parks that had outdoor exercise equipment but found them to be empty. They were not educational or inviting, he said.

“There's a really good opportunity to create a more engaging, magnetic space that really attracts and involves the community,” he said.

The new fitness space could include elements of CrossFit, calisthenics, yoga and obstacle courses, he said.

“There are parks here that allow people to work out outdoors, but they're kind of standard,” he said. “We're really putting a lot of time into building something that is uniquely Chicago and is worldwide seen as an icon.”

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5 BEARS STORYLINES FOR THIS WEEK'S NFL SCOUTING COMBINE

By Rich Campbell | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The next stop on the busy offseason itinerary for Ryan Pace and John Fox: Indianapolis.

The Bears general manager and coach and their staffs head there this week for the NFL scouting combine to advance the club's agenda in their second season together.

Pace and Fox also are scheduled to speak to media Wednesday for the first time since the day after the regular season. There's a lot to catch up on as their plan to shape next season's team is underway.

Here are five storylines to monitor:

1. Game of tag

The Bears are expected to retain top wide receiver Alshon Jeffery, but it remains uncertain whether they will apply the franchise tag for a one-season hitch or agree to a new long-term contract.

The Bears and Jeffery's representatives will be in Indianapolis and could negotiate in person, although the Bears have until March 1 to

use the tag.

Jeffery is the NFL's best receiver coming out of contract. He would trigger a bidding war if he hit the open market, but the Bears could prevent that if they use the tag, which could serve as a starting point for determining the average annual value of a long-term deal.

2. Extinct orange and blue dinosaur?

Pace kept Martellus Bennett's future with the Bears open-ended when discussing it Jan. 4, and it wouldn't be surprising if he did so again Wednesday. Last month, he stopped short of projecting the mercurial tight end would play out the final year of his contract for the Bears.

Since Pace last spoke publicly, the Bears completed their personnel evaluations, an analysis Pace said would include Bennett's fit with the culture the new regime has established. But because Bennett is under contract (for a \$5.1 million base salary), the Bears don't need to rush into action.

3. Building the wall

The word still echoes from Pace's postseason news conference: "playmakers." Bears scouts and coaches will be searching for play when the defensive prospects are put through on-field testing at the combine (linemen and linebackers Feb. 28; backs Feb. 29).

With the 11th and 41st overall picks, the Bears are in strong position to tap into this year's highly regarded class of defensive linemen.

4. Re-a-line-ment?

Since their last season ended, the Bears have developed a clearer sense of their offensive line outlook.

The questions start at left tackle, the premier position up front. Did Charles Leno play well enough to earn the organization's trust?

If not, would the club consider moving right tackle Kyle Long to the left side? They already challenged him last season when they moved him from right guard to tackle. Would

disrupting the continuity again be worth the possible reward of having such a gifted athlete protecting the quarterback's blind side? And how will the Bears try to stabilize right guard?

5. Logged in

Offensive coordinator Adam Gase's departure to become Dolphins head coach triggered a string of vacancies on the offensive staff that Fox filled since he last spoke publicly. Although he endorsed Dowell Loggains in December before Loggains was promoted from quarterbacks coach to coordinator, Fox could expound Wednesday on the promotion process, as well as the mix of newness and continuity Loggains provides. At least quarterback Jay Cutler has had a productive relationship with Loggains.

The Bears also hired quarterbacks coach Dave Ragone and receivers coach Curtis Johnson. Fox is expected to offer insight into the coaching staff's evolution, especially after many considered last season's group the team's preeminent strength.

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TROYE SIVAN MAY HAVE JUST
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By Jordan Monroe Schultz | REDEYE

With nearly 4 million YouTube subscribers and about 3.5 million followers on both Twitter and Instagram, Troye Sivan is one of many young creatives who have built their own digital empire. Set that aside, though; no one who hears the 20-year-old, South Africa-born Australian's debut album, "Blue Neighbourhood," would assume or believe this multit talented pop singer-songwriter first built his fame by vlogging.

Released in December, the record is filled with all the infectious personality of Sivan's videos, mixed with introspective lyrics and deep, moody synths. It arrived close to a decade after the artist, at just 12 years old, joined YouTube in 2007, shortly after the social network started.

"I found this one girl who had like a million views, and she was responding to people in the comment section," he said in an interview with RedEye. "I was like, 'Oh my God, she's famous, and she's like talking to people. Let me try and comment to her.'" After the YouTube replied encouraging Sivan to post videos of his own, he began using his channel as a platform to promote his singing.

Soon, though, he pushed pause. Conveniently timed with puberty—his voice was cracking—he pursued a small role in 2009's "X-Men Origins: Wolverine." Meanwhile, his channel morphed into a video diary of sorts, akin to "The Truman Show" but entirely organic, and directed and produced by Sivan himself. It's an honest body of work that is as silly as it is serious, depicting the ups and downs of growing up in a digital world.

Now, his presence in that world shows a versatile, creative talent with content that's both personal and universal. The music videos for the album's first three singles,

“When I was coming out to myself and to other people, the one really hope and inspiration and strength to me was the Internet.”



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"Wild," "Fools," and "Talk Me Down"—a cohesive three-part series released ahead of the album—depict two young gay boys who fall in love but are torn apart by one's homophobic, abusive father and who are later reunited after he dies. It's not likely that Sivan identifies directly with his abused character, though. He came out to his parents, who he says were accepting and supportive, at the age of 15 in 2010, before he was signed to his record deal. It would have been dishonest for him to tell a heterosexual love story, he says. But more importantly, it would have been awkward for his fans, to whom he came out in 2013 via YouTube.

In fact, the YouTube community helped inspire him to open up to his family about being gay. "When I was coming out to myself and to other people, the one really hope and inspiration and strength to me was the Internet," he said. Being upfront has made his sexuality a "nonissue," he told Billboard.

The album, like his YouTube channel, is intended to be autobiographical. For Sivan, the effort's name refers to where he grew up—suburban Perth. But everyone comes from a blue neighborhood, he says on a YouTube promotion for the album. "It's where you call home. The comfortability of it. The warmth. The nurturing suffocation." But from a stagnant place many try to escape, Sivan has found inspiration in the mundane. "That to me in itself is kind of beautiful that not much in these places changes," he said. "I think being able to travel and get away and then come back, I realized everything was changing."

Much of the album was written away from Perth, making it almost like a homesick love letter to friends, family and lovers. This sort of honesty and openness allows Sivan to connect on a deeper level with his fans. Where artists like Taylor Swift and Adele (both publicly have applauded Sivan's music) use social media to help craft their public personas beyond music, Sivan leverages his songs to provide more introspection to the tale he already has crafted on YouTube.

Unlike on his video channel, however, he never names the characters in the stories on his album. Here, he's much more cryptic, allowing his audience to find their own experiences in his music. But make no mistake, a lot of his songs are about boys he's loved or at least fallen for.

Among acting, YouTube and music, tracking Sivan's success isn't easy, even for him, but it's passion that he says has guided him.

"The common thread between all of them is that that was what I was really passionate about at the time," he said. "I was like 15 years old living at home and had like no risk at all,

Celebrity shoutouts

You know you're doing something right when Taylor Swift... and Sam Smith... and Adele are tweeting about you. Troye Sivan is building a music career beyond his social media dominance, but having fans with huge Internet followings of their own doesn't hurt.

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so I could just fully go for whatever I wanted to go for."

And as he begins to play live shows, it seems millions of YouTube views don't stack up against a live audience of just thousands. Sivan, after all, is still a young musician, nervous amidst his sold-out tour.

"My biggest show, in Sydney, was 2,200 people," he said. "It seemed like it may have well been a million for me as far as how nervous I was and how much fun I had."

While Sivan humbly appreciates all the success, he's just getting started and has room to grow.

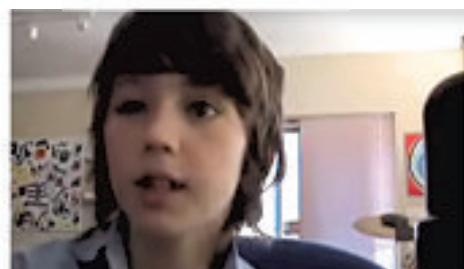
"I want to keep going just because I love making things, and I love, I guess, seeing how far I can push things," he said. "But I'm definitely very, very grateful and content with how things are going right now."

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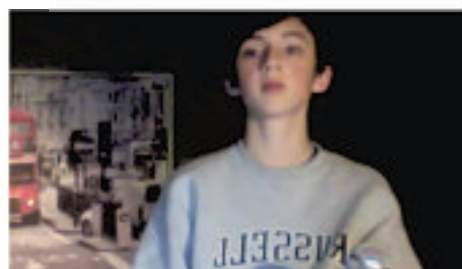
Over the years

Troye Sivan has always been a singer. But his infectious personality, fun song covers and original work also helped him grow an incredibly popular YouTube channel, which he began at the age of 12 to promote his singing career. Over the past eight years, his fans have been able to watch him mature into the world-touring pop star he is. Here's a timeline of how he's grown up through the YouTube lens.

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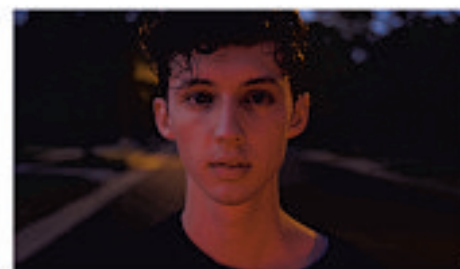
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A Full Moon on Monday will shine a light into whatever is wrong between you and your partner. Even if it's nothing major, you might focus more on the negative because any flaws will be especially obvious. Don't compare yourself to any other couple, because that will only make both of you feel worse. Instead, why not practice loving kindness? That will be easy to do by Sunday.



Aries March 21-April 19

You'll be in total work mode this week, so don't expect many fireworks in the love department. It looks like there's a major assignment you're polishing up, and in order to give it your best, you'll need to put your social life on hold. Even so, you might look forward to Sunday to recharge your spiritual batteries with your sweetheart. Spend the day doing nothing at all. You'll need the rest!



Taurus April 20-May 20

On Tuesday, don't overlook small details. You're in danger of taking on more than you can handle, especially because your passionate emotions may be skewing your perspective. When it comes to matters of the heart, slowing down the pace of your current romantic situation may be a smart and emotionally balanced approach right now.



Gemini May 21-June 20

Saturn is moving at a snail's pace through your 7th House of Commitment, and as a result, if there's one thing you're serious about these days, it's a relationship! Fortunately, this week, Saturn will connect beautifully with Mercury, the planet of communication. Conversations with your partner will leave you fulfilled and thinking more about the possibilities in your relationship rather than the restrictions. Enjoy the breather!



Cancer June 21-July 22

Your ace in the hole this week relates to your ability to communicate with clarity. If there's a vital conversation you need to have with your love, this will be the week to have it. Decisions about your time as a couple may come up—how you spend time together, as well as apart. In addition, you might talk more about dividing household tasks evenly if you live together. That talk will go much more smoothly than you anticipate.



Leo July 23-Aug. 22

If you're dating someone and wonder whether that person has what it takes to go the extra mile, there's a good chance that this week he or she will prove their worth. You may also discuss having a more exclusive relationship, or you might gauge each other's feelings about one day starting a family. Happily, it seems that whatever you discuss, you'll be on the same page.



Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22

You may feel quite emotional on Tuesday, but it's of the positive variety, and it has a lot to do with your current relationship circumstances. Even though you tend to prefer the emotional safety of your common-sense side, your passionate joy inspires you to throw caution to the wind right now.



Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 22

With Mercury moving through your romance sector, love is certainly front and center on your mind these days. Fortunately, this week, all communication matters focused on your relationship will be strong and positive. Expect a decision for you and your lover to come easy on Thursday.



Scorpio Oct. 23-Nov. 21

The Virgo Full Moon highlights your 11th House of Friends, helping you understand the subtleties of a special relationship in your love life on Tuesday. You may be conscious of the fact that the path this connection is taking may be temporarily going in the wrong direction, but this awareness will help you redirect your efforts so you can get back on track with the one you love.



Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21

If you're toying with the idea of a first date with someone special, this will be a good time to schedule it. Expect quite a few fascinating phone conversations or text messages all week long as you get to know each other. Then, when you finally meet up, it'll feel as if you've known each other forever. You won't run out of things to talk about. It looks like there will be an instant—and unforgettable—mental connection. Work it!



Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19

If you're in a steady relationship or marriage, this week you and your partner might put the final touches on a major trip abroad. Or, you might explore the more spiritual side of your relationship together. This might connect to an organized religion but can just as easily be more about metaphysics or philosophy. Idealism runs high, for better or worse, by Sunday. If you and your partner are at odds for any reason, forgiveness and healing are likely.



Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Intimacy will be a major theme this week. If you're feeling extra vulnerable, it's possible that your partner will know exactly what buttons to push to make you feel raw. He or she might do something that triggers your relationship or sexual insecurities, such as making a critical remark without thinking about how it'll make you feel. If this happens you might need time to lick your wounds before responding. That's OK.

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- 29 Lay _ to; attack
- 30 Thirsty Parisian's need
- 31 Packages of paper, often
- 33 Laziness
- 37 Is mistaken
- 39 Lock of hair
- 41 Fishhook attachment
- 42 Smooth and shiny
- 44 City leader
- 46 Daytime social
- 47 Alma _; one's old school
- 49 _ hound; long-eared dog
- 51 Sauntered
- 54 Part of a nun's habit
- 55 Rubber end of a pencil
- 56 Lasts
- 60 Border on
- 61 Unusual
- 63 Nampa's state
- 64 Long narrow mark
- 65 Stench
- 66 At no time
- 67 Night twinkler
- 68 Curtain holders
- 69 Say hello to

DOWN

- 1 Wind direction indicator
- 2 Wild goat
- 3 Inhale audibly
- 4 Swimmers with clawed feet
- 5 One who saves lives
- 6 _ out; exhausted
- 7 Frosted
- 8 Daniel _ Kim
- 9 Intertwine

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- 10 Predict
- 11 Insurance seller
- 12 Courtroom event
- 13 Good judgment
- 21 Religious belief
- 23 Carpets
- 25 Actress Spacek
- 26 Peggy & Bruce
- 27 British noble
- 28 Positive
- 29 Make a smudge worse
- 32 Carrying a gun
- 34 Pitcher's goals
- 35 Alder or aspen
- 36 Warmth
- 38 School term
- 40 Not smashed
- 43 Actress Ballard
- 45 Elevating
- 48 Great fright
- 50 Base stealer, often
- 51 Lunch & dinner
- 52 Planet's path
- 53 Steam bath
- 54 Goes off course
- 56 Hodge
- 57 Hold on to
- 58 You, biblically
- 59 Put in order
- 62 "Much _ About Nothing"



BRAIN CANDY

- » Traditionally, Catholic brides in Spain wear black wedding dresses.
- » The 1883 Krakatoa volcanic eruption was so intense that it ruptured the eardrums of sailors 40 miles away.
- » Alexithymia is the inability to recognize and describe emotions.
- » Hershey's founder Milton S. Hershey started out making caramels, not chocolate.

FREE STUFF February

Winter Sucks. This Doesn't.

Monday

1

50 pairs of tickets to the World's Largest Indoor Bar Crawl: Mardi Gras Crawl on 2/6

8

10 pairs of tickets to Daybreaker CHI: LOVE FEST on 2/18

15

Merch from the RedEye Store

22

\$500 gift card to RedEye Skillz, powered by CourseHorse

29

A trip for two to the Margaritaville Beach Resort in Hollywood, Florida

Tuesday

2

50 pairs of tickets to the Lovers or Haters bar crawl on 2/13

9

10 ticket packages of 4 to the Brick by Brick exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry

16

20 pairs of tickets to Chicago Irish Crawl

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Wednesday

3

100 pairs of tickets to If/Then from Broadway In Chicago

10

15 race entries to the Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle 8K on 4/3

17

20 pairs of tickets to Blue Man Group

24

30 pairs of tickets to UP Comedy Club

Thursday

4

30 3-day passes to C2E2

11

10 free class passes to SoulCycle Southport

18

20 Shake Shack winter hats with free custard

25

10 pairs of tickets to a White Sox game

Friday

5

25 3-day passes to Riot Fest

12

10 pairs of Adult Passes to BookCon

19

5 Divvy annual memberships

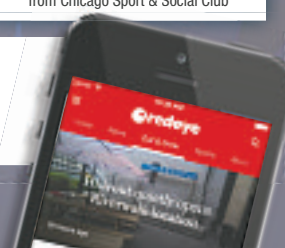
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1 winter or spring volleyball team from Chicago Sport & Social Club

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THE DIGIT
\$55M

That's how much money Marvel's "Deadpool" made at the box office this weekend, bringing its 10-day total to \$235.4 million, according to deadline.com. People just love the obnoxious fourth-wall-breaking antihero.

THE QUOTE

"I JUST DID NOT SEE IT COMING. THEY WENT IN FOR A HUG AND BIT ME ON THE SHOULDER."

—Tyler James Williams, an actor on "The Walking Dead," about a time a fan bit him, according to TVGuide.com. He added, "Just, you know, keep your teeth to yourself. That would be wonderful." Die-hard fans are crazy.

Gross, but OK

Someone has willingly paid \$35,000 for a lock of John Lennon's hair. Yeah, we're being serious. According to vulture.com, Lennon got a haircut in 1967 in a German barbershop, and the barber saved his hair. That four-inch piece of hair sold for thousands of dollars Saturday because people are gross and willing to spend money on things they don't need. Whatever, man.



BACK TO COURT

50 Cent has been ordered back to court by a bankruptcy judge to explain several pictures posted on social media that show him playing with stacks of cash. According to vulture.com, the rapper spelled "BROKE" with stacks of \$100 bills. The judge said in court on Thursday, "I'm concerned about allegations of nondisclosure or a lack of transparency in the case," according to Vulture. C'mon, 50. Do better.



INSTAGRAM PHOTOS



A spoonful of sugar

Emily Blunt is reportedly in talks to star in Disney's sequel to "Mary Poppins." According to variety.com, the deal is not yet set in stone. The movie "will take place in Depression-era London 20 years after the first film," Variety reported. Does Emily Blunt sing? Does Mary Poppins age? What's the deal?

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